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TAGS: MOPS PBOR MR SS

SUBJECT: SAHARA WATCH: MAURITANIANS RETAKE AIN BEN TILI

1. GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED PRESS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT GIRM SECURITY FORCES RETOOK 'AIN BEN TILI FEBRUARY 14. NO DETAILS OF TAKEOVER WERE ANNOUNCED. LOCATED EIGHT KILOMETERS SOUTH OF SAHARAN FRONTIER AND SOME 30 KILOMETERS FROM BIR LAHLOU, WHICH RECENTLY FELL TO MOROCCANS, 'AIN BEN TILI WAS OVERWHELMED BY POLISARIO AND ALGERIAN FORCES ON JANUARY 22. ACCORDING TO MAURITANIAN ACCOUNT, MORE THAN 2,000 ENEMY TROOPS OVERRAN JUST OVER 200 MAURITANIAN SOLDIERS AT 'AIN BEN TILI WHEN FORT FELL TO POLISARIO/ALGERIANS.

2. FEATURE ARTICLE ON 'AIN BEN TILI SHOWS DAMAGED BUT INTACT FORT. CONTRARY TO EARLIER REPORTS, FORT WAS NOT LEVELED BY MOROCCAN F-5S.

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CEREMONY IN HONOR OF MAURITANIAN DEAD AND WOUNDED WAS ATTENDED

BY COMMANDANT AHMED OULD BOUSSEIF, COMMANDER OF SECOND SECTOR,
AND COMMANDANT MAAOUYA OULD TAYA, REPRESENTING ETAT MAJOR.HANDYSIDE

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